

ABSTRACT

A recovery device for an ink jet printer includes a recovery unit having a wiper and a cap. When performing recovery processing, the recovery unit is inserted into a lower portion of a print head. The wiper moves along the +Y direction above the cap in a retreated state, and wipes the ink discharge surface of the print head. Also, in a state where the wiper is retreated outside the moving locus of the cap, the cap moves upward and caps the ink discharge surface of the print head. In this capping state, discharging and sucking of ink are performed for cleaning. This recovery device for an ink jet printer has a simple structure, and allows the suction of discharged ink during recovery processing to be efficiently performed. Furthermore, the present recovery device has a smaller space required for placement, thereby enabling the size-reduction of a printer apparatus.